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ON THE

HEALTH AND SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

BOROUGH OF HYTHE,
RURAL DISTRICT OF EAST ASHFORD,
RURAL DISTRICT OF ELHAM,
RURAL DISTRICT OF WEST ASHFORD.

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EAST KENT (No.3) UNITED DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT.

on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Hythe Borough, East Ashford Rural District, Elham Rural District and West Ashford Rural District.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1952.

POPULATION.

The Registrar-General's estimated population for the united district under review was 38,868 compared with 38,694 for the previous year. Elham and West Ashford each showed a slight increase in population this year.

VITAL STATISTICS.

1. BIRTH RATE.

The adjusted birth rate for the joint areas was 16.8 per 1,000 resident population. The rate for England and Wales was 15.3.

2. DEATHS.

The adjusted death rate for the four areas for 1952 was 9.5 per 1,000 estimated resident population which compares very favourably with that for England and Wales which was 11.3. Diseases of the heart and arteries once more head the list in number of deaths and Cancer takes second place - but not by so great a margin. The number of deaths from Cancer have remained stationary and there were slightly fewer deaths from Influenza and lung infections.

The Infant Mortality Rate during the 1st year of life was 32.20 per 1,000 estimated births. The figure for 1951 was 32.92 and for 1950 it was 23.0. Until 1951 the infant mortality rate had been steadily declining but for the past 2 years it has been comparatively high and is considerably above that for England and Wales - 27.60 for 1952.

On reviewing the causes of death nine resulted from prematurity, three from accidental asphyxiation, two from broncho pneumonia and one from gastro enteritis. Only three died from congenital defects which were serious enough to make death inevitable.

Deaths from Accident.

13 deaths from Accident occurred in the areas, not so many as in 1951 but still too high a figure; we need to press on with education in the prevention of accidents and with road safety measures.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The incidence of infectious disease has been low.

There were only four notifications of cases of Acute Poliomyelitis, two in East Ashford and two in Elham (of these one was a doubtful case) and there were no deaths. All made a good recovery from the initial illness, two had no residual paralysis.

There were 26 cases of Scarlet Fever, all of a mild type and of these 19 occurred in Hythe, five were removed to hospital and the rest nursed at home. 19 cases of Dysentery and Salmonella Infections were notified, but no outbreak of food poisoning arose; one dysentery carrier was isolated and treated in hospital. There is much more awareness of the danger of "dysentery" infections and much more intelligent interest and care taken in the clean handling of food. There were an unusually small number of notifications of Measles and Whooping Cough in each of the four areas and all were nursed at home.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were a total of 24 new cases notified during the year, ten of which were resident in the Elham Rural District (this rise in the Elham R.D. figures would not appear to have any special significance). The number of new cases in 1951 was 22 and in 1950 was 17. 9 cases were removed from the registers on recovery and 10 deaths occurred during the year. The death rate for the four areas was 0.23 and that for England and Wales was 0.24.

HOUSING.

The situation re housing would appear to be easing though there are many urgent cases still needing attention. The cessation of the use of Hothfield Camp for housing purposes is now happily in sight and by next year we hope to have completed its evacuation.

CARE OF OLD PEOPLE.

There does not seem to be much change in the facilities for hospital accommodation but several private homes for old people, who can afford to pay a reasonable amount, have been started in the areas and it is to be hoped the good work will continue. The work of the Clubs for old people is much valued and Hythe is to be congratulated on its unusually lovely and comfortable new Club Room.

WATER AND SEWERAGE.

Each year sees improvement in the supply of mains water to properties, especially in the Rural areas where the difficulties of distance are so great. 81.3% of the dwelling houses in the rural areas now have access to mains wa and in only a few cases is refusal to connect encountered. only a very few cases the mains water supply inadequate in quantity - this does arise where old and narrow pipes have not been renewed for many years and where new connections are constantly being made.

No large scale improvements in Sewage disposal have been undertaken during the year, we hope that the time is not too far distant when main drainage - at least in the large villages - will become financially possible.

CLEAN FOOD.

Every effort has been made during the year to improve standards in food shops, restaurants and other premises dealing with food for human consumption. The distribution in the early part of the year of notices re the control of dogs in food shops has given an opportunity to press home the importance of the clean handling of food. It is often found that the retailer of food is more aware of this than are some of his customers and the only hope for real improvement is by the continued education of the whole community in these matters.

The general work of the department has run smoothly and co-operation has been excellent. I am especially grateful to the Sanitary Inspectors for the prompt way in which they have dealt with all matters I have referred to them and for their reports which have been extensively used in those sections of this report relating to their work. I have also greatly appreciated the interest and helpfulness shown at all times by members of the four Councils in the work of my department.

I remain, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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BOROUGH OF HYTHE.

SECTION A.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1952.

AREA: 3,030 acres.

POPULATION:

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid year population of the District was 9,188-a slight increase on the previous year's figure.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 2,995

RATEABLE VALUE: £98,897

SUM REPRESENTED BY PENNY RATE: £390 (estimated)

STAFF:

Chief Sanitary Inspector & Housing Manager	Mr. John Plim Cert.R.S.I. Cert. Meat & Foods Inspector.
Additional Sanitary Inspector	Mr. John Kemp.Cert.R.S.I.
Shorthand-Typist/Clerk	Mrs. A. Batt
Foreman	Mr. E. Stokes
Refuse Collection. Cesspool emptying Refuse Disposal	3 drivers 7 collectors 1 tip attendant.
Housing	1 plumber and fitter 1 carpenter 3 painters & general hands 1 assistant fitter.
Rodent Operator	1
Slaughterhouse attendant	1

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	Total	M.	F.		Hythe	Engla & Wal
1. Live Births	111	57	54	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	14.2	15.
(a) Legitimate	106	54	52			
(b) Illegitimate	5	3	2			
2. Still Births	3	2	1	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	0.37	0.
(a) Legitimate	3	2	1			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3. Deaths	125	63	62	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	9.5	11.
4. Deaths from Puerperal Causes						
(a) Puerperal sepsis (including abortion with sepsis)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live & still) births	-	0.
(b) Other maternal causes (including abortion)	-	-	-		-	0.
5. Deaths of Infants under one year of age (all causes)	5	1	4	Rate per 1,000 live births	45.0	27.
(a) Legitimate	5	1	4			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
5A. Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	3	1	4			
6. Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	-	1.
7. Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	-	0.
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis)	-	-	-		-	0.
Deaths from Influenza (all ages)	-	-	-		-	0.
Deaths from Tuberculosis	3	3	-		0.22	0.
8. Deaths from Cancer	24	13	11			

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Causes of Death, 1952.

	ALL CAUSES	Males 63	Females 62
1.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	3	-
2.	Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic diseases ...	1	1
4.	Diphtheria ...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough ...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections ...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis ...	-	-
8.	Measles ...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	-	-
10.	Cancer of the stomach ...	3	-
11.	Cancer of lungs and bronchus ...	3	-
12.	Cancer of breast ...	-	4
13.	Cancer of uterus ...	-	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	7	6
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ...	-	-
16.	Diabetes ...	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	6	9
18.	Coronary diseases, Angina ...	9	7
19.	Hypertension with heart disease ...	2	1
20.	Other heart disease ...	8	17
21.	Other circulatory diseases ...	1	2
22.	Influenza ...	-	-
23.	Pneumonia ...	-	2
24.	Bronchitis ...	3	-
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system ...	1	-
26.	Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum ...	2	-
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	-	-
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	1	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate ...	6	-
30.	Pregnancy, child birth and abortion ...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformation ...	-	1
32.	Other defined and illdefined diseases ...	5	7
33.	Motor vehicle accidents ...	-	1
34.	All other accidents ...	-	3
35.	Suicide ...	2	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-

The death rate has fallen this year and there were 22 fewer deaths than in 1951 but the infant deaths increased. These infant deaths were five in number, one F. aged 2 months was accidentally asphixiated, one F. aged 2 hours and one M. aged 10 hours died from prematurity, and one F. aged 2 months died from Congental Heart disease, and one M. child aged 3 hours died from asphixiation and haemorrhage.

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SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Laboratory Facilities.

As in previous years these are provided by the Kent County Council's Central Laboratory Maidstone which gives a satisfactory and complete service for the needs of the Borough.

Ambulance.

The Ambulance Service is administered by the County Council and the area is adequately served under this scheme.

Nursing Homes.

The Registration of Nursing Homes is administered by the County Council. There are three Nursing Homes in Hythe, one taking mainly maternity cases and the others, mainly surgical and medical cases.

A number of private homes for the accommodation of old people have been started in the area and are serving a most useful purpose.

Maternity and Child Welfare and Midwifery Services.

The County Council is the authority responsible for these services, and the Hythe Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Prospect Road continues to be well attended.

Diphtheria Immunisations are carried out at the Centre; one session a month is set aside for this purpose on the 2nd Friday of each month, in the afternoon. Vaccinations are also done at the same time. These services are still not used to the extent they should be and many children are left unprotected.

SECTION C.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases.

The following table shows details of diseases notified during the year:-

Diseases	No. of cases Notified	No. of cases removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	19	1	-
Whooping Cough	17	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	38	-	-
Pneumonia	6	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	3	-	-
Total	83	-	-

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TUBERCULOSIS 1952.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths				Recoveries			
	Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
10.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45.	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
65.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
age not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	3	-	1	3	-	-	-	3	2	-	-

The proportion of notifications and recoveries is approximately the same as for 1951.

Total number of cases on the Register at 31.12.52 = 54.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Numbers for 1952	31	20	1	2	54
" " 1951	33	22	2	1	58
" " 1950	32	24	2	1	59
" " 1949	27	27	2	2	58
" " 1948	24	25	3	2	54
" " 1947	24	18	3	1	46
" " 1946	22	15	1	1	39

Immunisation against Diphtheria and Vaccination against Smallpox.

These services are administered by the Kent County Council and the work is carried out at Welfare Centres and by Private Practitioners. Our thanks are again due to the County Medical Officer of Health for his courtesy in making available to us his figures relating to these services.

Immunisation.

During the year 107 children received primary inoculations against Diphtheria and 120 received reinforcing inoculations. A total of 290 children of 0-4 years had been immunised by the end of 1952. This is about 60% of the children of this age group and is a definite improvement on the previous year.

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Vaccination.

The number of children under one year of age vaccinated against smallpox was 64. Of the children aged 0-4 years 96 received primary vaccination and one was revaccinated, this shows an increase in the number of children protected, and is a trend in the right direction.

SECTION D.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1) Water.

The district is supplied by the Council's own water undertaking and the supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity for the need of the static population.

Examinations of samples taken during the Year.

	No.	Bacteriological	No.	Chemical
Raw Water	72	60 good 12 unsatisfactory	24	24 good
Treated Water	22	22 good	-	-
Total	94		24	

Approximately 99% of the total number of dwelling houses is supplied by public water mains and the rest by means of standpipes.

Rapid filtration at Blackhouse reduces the possibility of contamination and all supplies are chlorinated before entry to the distributing main.

(2) Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No additions or improvements have been made during the year and no new schemes of construction have been proposed.

(The following sections incorporate the report of the Sanitary Inspector.)

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(3) General.

	No. in District	No. of Inspections	No. of Defects found	No. of Defects remedied
Bakehouses	6	22	-	-
Dairies	3	32	1	1
Slaughterhouses		One Public Slaughterhouse		
Othereplaces where food is prepared or sold	89	385	13	14
Offensive Trades	Nil	-	-	-
Common Lodging Houses	Nil	-	-	-
Houses let in lodgings	Nil	-	-	-
Factories	88	85	4	4

Analysis of Nuisances and defects remedied during the year under Public Health and Housing Acts.

Drainage		Wall plaster	9
(a) Reconstructed	2	Walls	7
(b) Repaired	5	Ceilings	3
Refuse receptacles	14	Windows	10
Dampness	5	Sashcords	11
Roofs	5	Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	-
Gutters	4	Cooking and heating appliances	2
Offensive Accumulations	2	Septic tank plant repair	2
Chimney stacks	4	Keeping of animals	-
Floors	4	W.Cs. (a) renewed	3
Stairs	1	(b) repaired	7
Doors	7		
Rainwater pipes	2		

Total No. of inspections of all kinds during the year.....2661
No. of premises connected to main sewers.....2659
No. of premises connected to cesspools..... 87
No. of premises with pail closets..... 3
No. of premises with earth closets or middens..... 2
No. of premises not connected to Public Water supply..... 14
No. of Statutory Notices served..... 1
No. of Informal Notices served..... 60
No. of premises disinfected..... 24

Rodent Control

	Type of Property				
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricultural	All other including Business & Industrial	Total
Total no. properties	18	2890	4	428	3340
Properties inspected (a) By notification	3	183	-	18	204
(b) Otherwise	8	68	-	153	229
No. of properties found to be infested by rats. Major	-	4	-	-	4
Minor	7	167	-	13	187
No. of properties found to be seriously infested by mice	-	2	-	-	2
No. of infested properties treated	8	234	-	21	263

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Disinfection and Disinfestation.

3 premises were treated for cockroaches and 7 for fleas. 156 wasps nests were destroyed and 24 disinfections were carried out.

Refuse Collection.

A weekly service of refuse collection from domestic premises has been maintained during the year with an additional summer service to hotels, boarding houses and other special premises, arrangements being made in these cases for two or three weekly collections as circumstances required.

In addition to the above 116 cesspools have been emptied during the year.

The vehicles used on these services are as follows:-

One 10 cu.yard S.D. side loading Freighter.
One 7 cu.yard S.D. side loading Freighter.
One Scammell Mechanical Horse with Eagle trailer.
(also used for street gully emptying)

The cost of refuse collection for the financial year 1951/52 was £398 per 1,000 population, or, based on estimated weight of 37 tons per week £2.1.11d. per ton.

Since the closing of the weighbridge at the Hythe Gasworks means of weighing refuse is no longer available in Hythe and it is therefore impossible to give exact costs based on weight of refuse.

Refuse Disposal.

Work has proceeded on the bottom layer of the controlled tip during the year and this foundation should be completed about March, 1953.

The extension of the middle and finishing layers will then proceed until the reclamation of the land is completed.

It will be necessary to demolish the brick building on the site and to move the sectional buildings as the work proceeds.

The cost of refuse disposal for the financial year was £35.7.0d. per 1,000 population, or based on estimated weight of 37 tons per week 3s.8d. per ton.

Salvage.

There was an almost complete collapse of the waste paper market during the year but collections were maintained by the Council on a modified basis, and 32 tons (approximately) were collected; the price obtained was £2 per ton, unsorted and unbaled, as against £10 in 1951.

57 tons of kitchen waste and 6 tons of metals were also collected.

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SECTION E.

FOOD.

(a) Milk and Dairies.

The Registrations and Licences issued by this Authority during the year are as follows:-

Registered Dairies	4
Registered Distributors	9
Tuberculin Tested - Dealer's Licence	3
Tuberculin Tested - Supplementary Dealer's Licence	4
Accredited - Supplementary Dealer's Licence	1
Pasteurised - Supplementary Dealer's Licence	4

[illegible] 22 samples under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1949 were taken during the year.

	Samples reported upon	Satisfactory	Un-Satisfactory
Methylene Blue Test			
Tuberculin Tested Milk	13	13	-
T.T. Pasteurised Milk	12	-	2
T.T. (Channel Island) Milk	2	2	1
Pasteurised Milk	5	5	-
Ordinary Milk	2	2	-
Biological Test			
Tuberculin Tested	2	2	-
T.T. Channel Island	2	2	-
Pasteurised	4	4	-
Ordinary	2	2	-

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(The registration and inspection of Pasteurising plants is undertaken by the Kent County Council as the Food & Drugs Authority for the area, and samples of pasteurised milk are taken periodically by this Authority.)

(b) Ice Cream.

The following samples of ice cream were taken for bacteriological examination under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947.

	Samples	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Wrapped	5	4	1	-	-
Unwrapped	10	6	3	1	-

There are 27 premises where ice cream is stored and sold.

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Samples of washings of milk bottles and Cleansing Fluids were taken during the year with the following results:-

	Samples Taken	Unsatisfactory
Milk Bottles	15	6
Cleansing Fluids	5	2

Appropriate action was taken on all unsatisfactory reports.

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(c) Meat (Home Killed).

The slaughter of home killed meat continued under the control of the Ministry of Food. The number of animals killed in the Public Slaughterhouse was:-

Cattle	2371
Calves	1744
Sheep	8069
Pigs	1252

The income from charges paid under the Council's Byelaws with respect to the Public Slaughterhouse was £861. 1s. 3d.

Owing to extensive outbreaks of Foot & Mouth Disease which particularly affected the movement of animals in the South Eastern part of the country the Ministry of Food made emergency arrangements for the slaughter of animals (mainly pigs) at Casebourne Farm, Horne Street, Hythe. These premises were used in addition to the Public Slaughterhouse from 9th June to 6th October.

The number of animals killed during this period was:-

Sheep	416
Pigs	8003

The total weight of meat condemned as unfit for food was 16 tons 9 cwts 7 lbs. In addition 3 cwt 4 lbs of meat was condemned as unfit for food at various shops.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle Exc.Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	1821	550	1744	8485	9255
All Diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	2	4	19	24	23
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	272	159	3	786	241
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis.	15.04	29.64	1.26	9.54	2.85
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcases condemned	5	17	3		5
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemndd	113	80			131
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	6.48	17.64	0.17		1.46

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(d) Other Foods.

During the year the following foodstuffs were surrendered as unsound and unfit for food in shops and other premises where food is prepared or sold.

11 tins	Fish	4 lbs	8 ozs
113 "	Meat	356 lbs	4 ozs
110 "	Vegetables	135 lbs	3 ozs
14 "	Fish Paste	2 lbs	3 ozs
127 "	Fruit	165 lbs	4 ozs
54 "	Milk	63 lbs	12½ ozs
15 "	Soup	13 lbs	8½ ozs
14 "	Jam	26 lbs	
5 "	Sausages	5 lbs	
2 "	Sandwich Spread		7 ozs
4 "	Baby Food	1 lb	2 ozs
12 "	Hors D'oeuvres	4 lbs	6 ozs
10 btls	Tomato Ketchup	7 lbs	8 ozs
72 "	Coffee Essence		
6 jars	Pan-Yan Pickle	4 lbs	12 ozs
	Biscuits	1½lbs	
	Processed Cheese	2½lbs	
	Danish Bacon	28 lbs	
	Prunes	136 lbs	
	Fish	31 stone	

(e) Food Shops & Food Handling.

The subject of food handling in shops and stores has been given as much attention as the circumstances would allow during the year.

Much publicity has been given to the necessity for every person engaged in food handling to observe a code of cleanliness, and it is noticeable in the course of visits to food shops that more people, both members of the public and persons engaged in the trade, are aware of the especial dangers of dirty habits in the trade.

This is all to the good but the effects will not be lasting unless all food premises are so constructed and equipped that persons engaged therein have every facility to keep themselves and their premises and utensils clean.

All such premises should therefore comply with the following standards:-

1. General Condition. The premises must be in good condition, suitably lighted, ventilated and warmed, and provided with fittings suitable to the trade capable of being easily washed and cleaned.
   (Section 13, Food & Drugs Act, 1938)
   (Section 38, Shops Act, 1950)

2. Sanitary Accommodation. There must be adequate w.c's or urinals for all staffs.
   (Section 38, Shops Act, 1950)

3. Personal Washing Facilities. There must be suitable washing basins and a sufficient supply of soap, clean towels and clean water, both hot and cold, for the use of persons employed.
   (Section 13 para (i) Food & Drugs Act, 1938)
   (Section 38 para (4) Shops Act, 1950)

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Food Shops & Food Handling (contd.)

4. Facilities for Cleanliness of Premises and Utensils. Cleanliness must be observed in regard to every room and all articles, apparatus and utensils therein.
(Section 13 para (h) Food & Drugs Act, 1938)

Separate facilities must be provided for this purpose, e.g. proper sized sink with hot and cold water.
(Recommendation Working Party Manufactured Meat Products)

5. Hot Water. There should be a constant supply of hot water for all the above purposes and always available. A kettle on a gas ring should not be regarded as sufficient to comply with Section 13, Food & Drugs Act, 1938
(Recommendation Working Party Manufactured Meat Products)

During the year a comprehensive survey of all restaurants, cafes, food shops, food preparing places and places where food is handled has been made for the purpose of grading them in accordance with the above standards. I append hereto a report showing the number of each type of food premises in the district and the standard in relation to the requirements set out above. It is almost universal that the first requirement is complied with. This condition relates generally speaking to the shop premises itself ans because this is where the public are served the place is kept to look as clean and attractive as possible. It is at the back where standards fall.

In making our survey we established a system of marking using these five points as a basis for placing the shops in categories as follows:-

"Excellent" Fulfil all the requirements of this standard.

"Good" All requirements save one are complied with. (This is usually lack of separate washbasin or sink or no constant hot water)

"Fair" Most requirements can be met but usually from an outside source and not specifically belonging to the shop only.
E.g. facilities are shared with domestic premises as in a combined house and shop.

"Poor" Fall below these standards to a great extent.

The attention of all concerned is being drawn to the above survey and especial efforts will be made to upgrade the lowest categories among these premises as the first step in securing a higher general standard.

	No. in District	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Butchers	11	1	3	4	3
Bakers & Confectioners	6	3	3	-	-
Cafes & Restaurants	20	4	8	4	4
Fishmongers & Fish Friers	6	4	1	2	3
General, Ice Cream, etc.	24	-	4	12	8
Greengrocers	14	1	2	4	7
Grocers	14	1	7	4	2
Milkshops	3	-	1	2	-
Total	98	10	29	32	27

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SECTION F.

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:-

1. (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	79
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	96
2. (a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932.	4
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	4
3.	Number of dwelling houses not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	51

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	47

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

A. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) By Owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil

B. Proceedings under Housing Act

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) By Owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	1

Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants.

During the year applications for Improvement Grants under Section 20, Housing Act, 1949, were received in respect of two dwelling houses. Neither of the applications were granted.

BOROUGH OF HYTHE.

Council Houses.

366 Council houses were in occupation at the end of the year.

8 Council houses were completed in 1952 making a total of 131 completed since the war.

The houses are comprised as follows:-

3 bedroomed type	2 bedroomed type	1 bedroomed type
231	98	37

There are also 13 premises providing 16 housing units under requisition. One property was derequisitioned during the year.

Maintenance has been carried out throughout the year by the Council's staff and all the Council's houses are in good tenantable repair. The present allocation of £7 per house for repairs fixed four years ago is however insufficient to meet the costs which have risen considerably during this period.

There are at the moment 70 properties in course of erection comprised as follows:-

38	3	bedroom	houses
8	2	"	"
8	2	"	flats
8	1	"	"
8	1	"	bungalows

The number of applicants still on the housing list is 283, but of these 8o reside outside the Borough and 79 already occupy houses or flats although the accommodation thus provided is not, in many cases, adequate to meet individual needs and rehousing is necessary.

SECTION G.

FACTORIES.

No changes of ownership have been notified during the year. The number of factories on the register is 88 (39 power and 49 non-power).

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

SECTION A.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1952.

AREA:	51,398 acres

POPULATION:

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid year population of the District was 10,390

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES:	3,462
RATEABLE VALUE:	£47,322
SUM REPRESENTED BY PENNY RATE:	£185 (estimated)

STAFF:

Sanitary Inspector	Mr. R. Stevenson M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Rodent Operator and Salvage Collector	Mr. H.C. Simpkins
Clerical Assistant (part time)	Miss A. Williams
Driver Loaders (Refuse and Salvage)	Mr. W.J. Holmes Mr. E. Woolley

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total	M.	F.		E. Ashford Rural	England & Wales
1. Live Births	164	87	77	Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	17.7	15.
(a) Legitimate	154	80	74			
(b) Illegitimate	10	7	3			
2. Still Births	8	5	3	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	0.77	0.
(a) Legitimate	7	5	2			
(b) Illegitimate	1	-	1			
3. Deaths	136	72	64	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	9.91	11.
4. Deaths from Puerperal Causes	-	-	-			
(a) Puerperal sepsis (including abortion with sepsis)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live & still births)	-	0.
(b) Other maternal causes (including abortion)	-	-	-		-	0.
5. Deaths of Infants under one year of age (all causes)	3	2	1	Rate per 1,000 live births	18.0	27.
(a) Legitimate	3	2	1			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
5A. Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	1	1	-			
6. Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	-	1
7. Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	-	0.
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis (including Poliocencephalitis)	-	-	-			0.
Deaths from Influenza (all ages)	-	-	-		-	0.
Deaths from Pneumonia	7	4	3		0.67	0.
Deaths from Tuberculosis	3	3	-		0.28	0.
Deaths from Cancer	17	8	9			

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Causes of Death 1952.

ALL CAUSES	Males 72	Females 64
1. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	3	-
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	-	-
3. Syphilitic Diseases ...	-	-
4. Diphtheria ...	-	-
5. Whooping Cough ...	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections ...	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis ...	-	-
8. Measles ...	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases.	-	-
10. Cancer of the stomach ...	1	1
11. Cancer of lungs and Bronchus ...	-	1
12. Cancer of breast ...	-	2
13. Cancer of uterus ...	-	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	3
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ...	-	-
16. Diabetes ...	-	1
17. Cascular lesions of nervous system ...	10	14
18. Coronary disease, Angina ...	12	8
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	2	2
20. Other heart disease ...	12	16
21. Other circulatory diseases ...	2	2
22. Influenza ...	-	-
23. Pneumonia ...	4	3
24. Bronchitis ...	8	1
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ..	1	-
26. Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum ...	1	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	-	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ...	3	-
30. Pregnancy, child birth and abortion ...	-	-
31. Congenital malformation ...	-	-
32. Other defined and illdefined diseases..	3	6
33. Motor vehicle accidents ...	2	-
34. All other accidents ...	-	-
35. Suicide ...	1	1
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-

There has been no striking rise or fall in the number f deaths or in their distribution, though there is an increase n the number of deaths from Pneumonia. The infant death ate was very low for this area and also the number of deaths f infants was small. One F. child died at 8 months from ronchopneumonia, one M. aged 3 months from Broncho pneumonia nd one M aged 1 week from prematurity.

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SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Laboratory Facilities.

These are provided by the Kent County Council's Central Laboratory at Maidstone which gives a complete and satisfactory service for the area.

Ambulance.

An ambulance service is provided by the St. John Ambulance Brigade centred at Ashford and working under the County Council scheme gives an efficient and satisfactory service.

Nursing Homes.

The registration of Nursing Homes is a duty delegated to this Authority by the Kent County Council. There is one such home in the area taking 2 maternity and 7 medical cases.

Maternity and Child Welfare Services.

The County Council is the authority responsible for these services.

SECTION C.

PREVALANCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases.

Disease	No. of cases Notified	No. of cases removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	2	1	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	10	-	-
Pneumonia	4	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	2	2	-
Dysentery	-	-	-

The number of cases of infectious disease was very low; there were 2 cases of Acute Poliomyelitis, both parylitic, one in a young M. in which complete recovery took place and the other a young F. who recovered well from the acute stage of the disease and is still making progress.

There was no outbreak of food poisoning though 4 cases of Salmonella infection occurred in one village.

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TUBERCULOSIS 1952.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths				Recoveries			
	Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
35.	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
55.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ge not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	1	-

Total number of cases on the Register at 31.12.52 = 65

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
mber for 1952	24	23	13	5	65
" " 1951	23	23	14	5	65
" " 1950	20	21	15	5	61
" " 1949	19	20	16	7	62
" " 1948	23	17	17	9	66
" " 1947	20	18	14	9	61
" " 1946	13	13	12	8	46

The number of cases on the Pulmonary Tuberculosis gister has varied little in the past five years but the oped for reduction has not yet been realised.

mmunisation against Diphtheria and Vaccination against Smallpox.

It is again possible, through the courtesy of the County edical Officer of Health, to give figures relating to these ervices.

mmunisation.

During the year under review 137 children received primary noculations and 133 reinforcing doses. Of the children 0-4 years f age a total of 302 have completed a course of immunisation - his represents about 50% of the children of this age group. hese figures are an improvement on the last year or two, but here is some way to go before we can be satisfied.

accination.

During the year 57 infants of under one year were vaccinated nd of the children 0-4 years 104 had received primary vaccination gainst smallpox by the end of the year and 3 had been re-vaccinated. his too is a slightly more satisfactory result, and it would ppear that parents are more receptive to the idea of vaccination specially as modern methods of vaccination are much less drastic han those formerly used.

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The following Sections incorporate the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION D.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1) Water.

A system of water mains exists in every parish of the Rural District and the supply generally is good. Eight schemes of water mains extension have been approved and commenced in the parishes of Aldington, Bonnington, Warehorne, Smeeth, Mersham, Sevington and Boughton Aluph. Eight further schemes are under consideration.

The following is a list showing the number and proportion of houses connected with main water supplies in each Parish of the Rural District in 1952:-

PARISH	No. of Dwelling Houses.	No. of Houses connected with: Mid-Kent Water Co's Mains	Ashford Urban Supply	Folkestone Water Co.
Aldington	244	179		
Bilsington	106	85		
Bonnington	39	34		
Boughton Aluph	218	178		
Brabourne	265	202		
Brook	57	58		
Challock	119	116		
Chilham	423	365		
Crundale	57	49		
Eastwell	33	25		
Godmersham	90	82		
Hastingleigh	78	69		
Hinxhill	22	-	11	
Mersham	236	170		
Molash	87	69		
Orlestone	173	149		
Ruckinge	232	177		
Sevington	59	-	38	
Smeeth	192	151		8
Warehorne	119	97		
Wye	584	445		
Totals	3431	2700	49	8

The Mid-Kent Water Company have monthly bacteriological examinations of the raw water taken from each of their Pumping Stations; all water is chlorinated. Particulars of the examinations and analyses are supplied and there has been no form of contamination. The Ashford Urban Water Supply is subject to routine sampling of the water both for bacteriological (quarterly) and Chemical analyses. The reports have been entirely satisfactory.

60 more houses, including new houses, were connected with existing water mains during the year 1952.

81% of the number of dwelling houses in the district are supplied by public water mains and a very few by stand pipes.

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Examinations of other samples taken by the Sanitary Inspector during the year

	No.	Bacteriological	No.	Chemical
Raw Water	2	1 good 1 high bacterial count	Nil	-
Treated Water	5	4 good 1 high bacterial count	Nil	-
Total	7		..	

2. Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The villages of Wye and Hamstreet are drained and sewered. Smaller scale sewerage systems also drain parts of Mersham, The Square, Chilham, and Brabourne Lees. A new sewerage disposal works for the village of Mersham has been approved and commenced. Schemes for new sewerage and sewage disposal works at Hamstreet and Wye are at Inquiry stage.

3. General.

	No. in District	No. of Inspections	No. of defects found	No. of defects remedied
Bakehouses.	9	10	5	4
Dairies (Retail).	4	5	1	1
Slaughter-houses.	10	-	-	-
Other Food preparing places.	9	4	-	-
Offensive Trades.	1	-	-	-
Common Lodging - Houses.	Nil	-	-	-
Houses let in lodgings.	Nil	-	-	-
Factories.	49	26	2	2

NUISANCES AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR.
(other than those enumerated previously)

Drainage			
(a) Reconstructed	20	Walls, floors and ceilings	15
(b) Repaired	12	Doors and windows	9
Refuse receptacles	-	Ventilation	4
Dampness	7	Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	15
Roofs, Rainwtare pipes	12	Water supplies	1
Offensive accumulations.	-	Cooking and heating appliances	5
Closet accommodation	5		
	17		

Total No. of Inspections of all kinds during the year.....2550

W.Cs. into drainage system..... 596
W.Cs. into cesspools.....1776
Pail closets and Chemical Closets.....1010
Earth Closets or Middens..... 49
No. of Premises not connected to Public Water Supply..... 654
No. of Abatement notices served..... 2
No. of Informal notices served..... 57
No. of premises disinfected..... 6

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4. Control of Infestation.
Rodent Control.

82 infestations with rats and mice were dealt with by the Council's part time Rodent Operator. Routine baiting and gassing of rats on the Council's three refuse tips was undertaken and satisfactory results obtained. An annual re-test of the Council's sewerage systems at Wye, Hamstreet and Mersham gave negative results. There are no large scale sources of rat infestation in the District.

Insect Infestation.

15 infestations with bugs, fleas, ants, cockroaches, wasps, etc. were dealt with partly by the loan of sprayers and powder blowers with insecticides and by the giving of advise on the subject.

5. Refuse Collection and Disposal.

A collection of dry house refuse is carried out once monthly throughout the district with the exception of the town area of Wye where a collection is now made once weekly, also part of the Parish of Chilham where an additional mid-monthly collection is made. As from April 30th, 1952, the Council terminated all Contracts for the collection of refuse and now undertake this work by direct labour with a Dennis Barrier Loader refuse vehicle purchased out of money obtained from paper salvage.

Three refuse tips are in use for the disposal of house refuse, the first being near Drylands Farm, Molash, the second at White Hill, Boughton Aluph and the third at the Kent County Quarry, Aldington. Two of these refuse tips consist of large disused chalk pits and the other is the disused part of a rock quarry.

Emptying of cesspools.

The emptying of cesspools in all parts of the district is undertaken by the Council twice yearly on written request made by householders. During the year 1952 the number so emptied was 847. This work is carried out by contract.

Emptying of pail-closets.

The emptying of pail-closets is carried out in the Parish of Boughton Aluph and part of the parish of Chilham. In the Parish of Boughton Aluph the emptying takes place once weekly, by contract, and the number to be emptied is approximately 72. In the Parish of Chilham the emptying is carried out twice weekly in an area covering The Square, The Street and Railway Station and the number to be emptied remains at 30.

Salvage of Waste Paper.

A special monthly collection of waste paper is made in the district and the total amount salvaged during the year 1952 was 84 tons, the value of which was £820.6.8d.

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SECTION E.

FOOD.

(a) Milk.

Apart from producer retailers there are only four retail dairies in the district and none for the wholesale handling or distribution of milk. One small dairy was replaced by a more suitable structure.

The number of samples taken for bacteriological examination was 2. No evidence of Tuberculosis was found in either case.

(b) Ice Cream.

28 shops and other premises are registered for the sale or storage of Ice Cream. There are no manufacturers of Ice Cream in the district.

(c) Meat.

Slaughterhouses.

There are no slaughterhouses in ordinary use in the district. 8 butchers are registered for the sale or manufacture of sausages.

Unsound Food.

On five occasions quantities of meat and offal totalling 228 lbs. was condemned at butchers shops in the district. On nine occasions small quantities of tinned foods, sausages, etc. were condemned at shops.

Anthrax.

13 cases of suspected Anthrax occurred amongst farm animals and 4 were confirmed.

SECTION F.

HOUSING.

19 new Council houses were erected and completed in the district during the year 1952, in addition to 20 by private enterprise. 33 houses were improved and repaired on informal notice - preliminary to formal notice under the Housing and Public Health Acts.

The total number of post war houses erected to 31/12/52 is 409.

Rural Housing Survey.

The survey is complete in the District with the exception of 20 houses in the Parish of Chilham and 16 elsewhere. The total number of houses inspected and recorded is as follows:-
Category 1 (houses satisfactory in all respects) - 298.
Category 2 (817). Category 3 (925). Category 4 (236)
Category 5 (Houses unfit for habitation, etc. 305)

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Action under Statutory Powers.

Houses demolished in pursuance of sub-section (4) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936..... Nil

Number of houses or parts of houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936..... 3

Number of houses in respect of which undertakings were given to close for habitation - by the owners under Section 11(3) of the Housing Act, 1936..... 2

No. of houses repaired and made habitable on notice served under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936..... 1

Legal Proceedings.

In one instance proceedings were taken in the Court for non-abatement of a statutory nuisance arising from defective sink drainage. An Abatement Order was made but owing to lack of funds the Council are themselves undertaking the necessary work and will recover the cost from the owner-occupier by instalments.

Hop Pickers Camps.

The accommodation for hop pickers consists of some 649 huts with cookhouse and closet accommodation at 13 camps, all of which are situated in the parish of Chilham and the number of imported pickers occupying these is about 2,000. The huts generally are in a fair and weatherproof condition, some however, are of a more modern type than others. Water supplies are almost entirely from the main supply and sufficient for the ordinary needs of the pickers. With the exception of a few pail closets the closet accommodation is entirely of the portable type. Satisfactory hygienic control of the camps is made more difficult by the pickers neglect and abuse of refuse receptacles, the scattering of food refuse and rubbish, and the misuse of closets which require regular cleansing and attention.

First-aid dispensaries are provided at certain of theccamps by the Church of England Mission to Hop Pickers and by the Ashford Branch of the British Red Cross Society.

Inspections of the Camps were made by Air Vice Marshall F.J. Murphy, C.B., C.B.E., of the Ministry of Health, the Medical Officer of Health and by the Sanitary Inspector - A total of 41 visits were made to the camps during the season.

ELTHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

SECTION A.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1952.

AREA: 36,685 acres.

POPULATION:

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid year population of the District was 9,180 - again a very slight increase on the previous year.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 2,910

RATEABLE VALUE: £58,016

SUM REPRESENTED BY PENNY RATE: £230 (estimated)

STAFF:

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector	Mr. Edward Badcock M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Cert. Meat and Foods Inspector. until September, 1952. Mr. Robert Finn, from October 1st, 1952.
Additional Sanitary Inspector	Mr. Robert Finn, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Cert.Meat and Foods Inspector until 1st October, 1952. No appointment after this date.
Clerk and Typist	Mrs. D.E. Laker. until October, 1952. Miss J. Smee, from 13th October, 1952.
Refuse Collection and Cesspool Emptying	4 drivers 6 loaders 2 sewage disposal works attendants.
Rodent Operator (part time)	Mr. E.C. Piddock.

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total	M.	F.		Elham R.D.	Englan & Wale
1. Live Births	125	60	65	Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	14.9	15.3
(a) Legitimate	119	56	63			
(b) Illegitimate	6	4	2			
2. Still Births	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	0.0	0.3
(a) Legitimate	-	-	-			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3. Deaths	128	64	64	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	9.17	11.3
4. Deaths from Puerperal Causes						
(a) Puerperal sepsis (including abortion with sepsis)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live & still) births	-	0.1
(b) Other maternal causes (including abortion)	-	-	-		-	0.5
5. Deaths of Infants under one year of age (all causes)	5	3	2	Rate per 1,000 live births	40.0	27.6
(a) Legitimate	5	3	2			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
5A. Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age.	5	3	2			
6. Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	-	1.1
7.						
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	-	0.0
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polio-encephalitis)	-	-	-		-	0.0
Deaths from Influenza (all ages)	-	-	-		-	0.0
Deaths from Tuberculosis	3	3	-		0.32	0.2
8. Deaths from Cancer	18	7	11			

ELHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

Causes of Death 1952.

	ALL CAUSES		Males 64	Females 64
1.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	....	3	-
2.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic Diseases	...	1	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	-	-
8.	Measles	...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	-	-
10.	Cancer of the stomach	...	2	3
11.	Cancer of lungs and bronchus	...	2	1
12.	Cancer of breast	...	-	1
13.	Cancer of uterus	...	-	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms (cancer)	..	3	5
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	...	1	1
16.	Diabetes	...	1	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	3	9
18.	Coronary disease, Angina	...	9	7
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	4	3
20.	Other heart disease	...	14	12
21.	Other circulatory diseases	...	3	2
22.	Influenza	...	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	...	2	2
24.	Bronchitis	...	2	2
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	1	-
26.	Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum	...	1	-
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...	-	-
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	2	5
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	2	-
30.	Pregnancy, child birth and abortion	...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformation	...	-	-
32.	Other defined and illdefined diseases	...	6	7
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	2	-
34.	All other accidents	...	-	2
35.	Suicide	...	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	-	-

There were 5 infant deaths: One Male 4 hrs due to prematurity, one Male 7 hours due to Congenital disease of kidneys, one Male 3 hours - an accidental death from asphyxia and haemorrhage, and female twins at 9 hrs and 10 hrs due to prematurity.

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SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Laboratory Facilities.

As in previous years the Kent County Council's Central Laboratory at Maidstone gives a satisfactory and complete service for the needs of the area.

Ambulance.

This service is also under the Kent County Council and is working satisfactorily from the point of view of our areas.

Nursing Homes.

The registration and supervision of Nursing Homes is carried out by the Kent County Council.

Maternity and Child Welfare, Midwifery and Home Help Services.

The County Council is the authority responsible for these services. The areas allotted to the County Council Health Visitors do not correspond with the District Councils areas but co-ordination is good.

SECTION C.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIONS DISEASE.

Notifiable Diseases.

The following table shows details of diseases notified during the year:-

Diseases	No. of cases notified	No. of cases removed to Hospital	No. of Deaths
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-
Whooping Cough	8	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	72	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	2	2	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-

There were 2 cases of Poliomyelitis - both in young males - one was non paralytic and the other paralytic, both made a good recovery.

ELHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

TUBERCULOSIS 1952.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths				Recoveries			
	Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
10.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45.	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
age not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6	2	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Total number of cases on the Register at 31.12.52 = 63.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Numbers for 1952	37	21	1	4	63
" " 1951	30	18	-	5	53
" " 1950	29	18	-	5	52
" " 1949	28	17	-	6	51
" " 1948	27	22	-	6	55
" " 1947	25	24	1	8	58
" " 1946	24	16	1	11	52

Immunisation against Diphtheria and Vaccination against Smallpox.

As in other areas the Kent County Council is responsible for these services and the County Medical Officer has again kindly supplied for our use statistics relating to them.

Immunisation.

From the figures supplied we gather that 100 children received primary inoculations and 101 received reinforcing doses during the year. A total of 323 children of 0-4 years had been immunised by the end of 1952. This is about 62% of the total number of children of this age group.

Vaccination.

Of the children under one year of age 66 were vaccinated during 1952 and of the children aged 0-4 years 100 were vaccinated and one re-vaccinated during the year.

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The following sections incorporate the report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year 1952.

SECTION D.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1) Water Supply.

The quality and quantity of the water supplied by the three Statutory Water Undertakings has been satisfactory throughout the year. Two post war schemes of extension of mains were completed. This completes the seventeen post war schemes. Three additional small extensions have been commenced and should be completed early next year.

Approximately 96% of the dwellings in the District have access to the main supply.

Examination of samples taken during the year:-

	No.	Bacteriological	
Raw water (piped)	7	4 sat.	3 unsat.
Raw Water (unpiped)	12	3 sat.	9 unsat.
Treated Water (piped)	29	29 sat.	none unsat.
Totals	48	36 sat.	12 unsat.

No Chemical analyses were made.

The twelve unsatisfactory samples were taken from small estate supplies and from rain water tanks and wells. Nine informal notices were served during the year and as a consequence eight houses were connected to main supply.

Negotiations are still going on with regard to the Folkestone Waterworks Company taking over a large estate supply in the Parish of Newington.

83.4% of the total number of dwelling houses in the District have piped supplies of water.

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No. of houses with piped water supply at 31st December, 1952:

Parish	No. of houses	No. of houses with piped supply		Remarks
		Direct to house	Stand pipe	
Acrise	38	26	nil	Treated water
Elham	452	349	8	ditto
Elmstead	109	96	nil	ditto
Hawkinge	276	234	nil	ditto
Lyminge	459	382	2	ditto
Lympne	207	180	1	ditto
Monks Horton	40	14	nil	ditto (untreated
Newington	122	95	8	Part treated, part
Paddlesworth	12	7	nil	Treated water
Postling	51	48	nil	ditto
Saltwood	302	298	nil	ditto
Sellindge	270	248	nil	ditto
Stanford	143	133	nil	ditto
Stelling	73	55	nil	ditto
Stelling Minnis	34	16	1	ditto
Stowting	64	28	nil	ditto
Swingfield	226	190	nil	ditto
Totals	2878	2399	20	

(2) Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

There is main drainage in the Parish of Saltwood only. Eleven small sewage treatment plants have been constructed to take sewage from council housing estates only.

As reported in previous years, the proposals for main drainage in the Parishes of Lyminge, Elham, Hawkinge, Swingfield, Sellindge, Stanford, Lympne and Newington are still under consideration.

All cesspools and some pail closets are emptied regularly, and as requested, by the three motor cesspool emptiers.

Owing to the heavy demands made on these vehicles, and in an endeavour to alleviate rising costs, it has been found necessary to charge for cesspool emptyings @ 15/- a load when individual cesspools have been emptied more than four times in the year.

(3) General.

	No. in District	No. of Inspections	No. of defects found	No. Remedied
Bakehouses	5	8	1	1
Dairies	3	9	nil	nil
Slaughterhouses	3	71	1	1
Other food premises	55	72	3	5 *
Offensive trades	nil	nil	nil	nil
Common Lodging Houses	nil	nil	nil	nil
Houses let in Lodgings	nil	nil	nil	nil
Factories	31 x	5	1	1

x Does not include Bakehouses. * Two from previous year.

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Total no. of inspections of all kinds	2925
Nuisances and defects remedied during the year	
Baths, sinks, etc.	1
Dustbins	3
Cooking and heating	2
Dampness	10
Offensive Accumulations	3
Roofs, R. W. P., chimneys	7
Drainage:	
Reconstruction	7
Repairs	6
Sanitary Accommodation	8
Walls and ceilings	10
Miscellaneous	6
Premises disinfected	2
Water Supplies	8
Statutory Notices	
No. served (Public Health Act, 1936)	1
No. complied with	1

Informal Notices	No. served	No. complied
Factories Act	1	1
Food and Drugs Act	3	2
Housing Acts	26	19
Public Health Act	37	25
Water Act	9	8
Miscellaneous	2	2

Rodent Control.

A part time Rodent Operator is employed and disinfestation work is carried out in accordance with the recommendations laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

No. of properties inspected	210
Minor infestations treated	190
Major infestations treated	12
Mice infestations treated	7

Vermin.

Only one case of bug infestation was reported and this was treated successfully by D.D.T. fumigations. Treatment has also been carried out on several minor infestations of cockroaches.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Collection of domestic refuse is undertaken by direct labour using one 10 cu. yd. covered refuse collection vehicle with driver and three loaders.

Domestic refuse is collected fortnightly throughout the whole area, with the exception of the village of Saltwood where collection takes place once weekly.

Disposal of the refuse is by controlled tipping there being three tips in use in the District.

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Salvage.

Income derived from the sale of salvaged materials was £216.6.8d. Waste paper amounting to nearly 27 tons was collected and 3 tons of metals.

The men employed on the refuse vehicle are paid 12½% of the income gained as an incentive bonus.

SECTION E.

FOOD.

(a) Milk

No. of retailers 13

Samples taken	No.	Satis.	Unsatis.
Tuberculin Tested	6	3	3
Pasteurised	9	9	-
Non-designated	5	5	-
Methylene Blue Test	20	17	3
Phosphatase Test	9	9	-
Biological	22	22	-

Ten licences to retail Pasteurised milk and ten for T.T. milk in operation in the area.

(b) Ice Cream.

No ice cream is manufacturered in the district, but 32 premises are registered for the sale, and storage for sale, of ice cream. Thirteen samples were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination. The results of the Methylene Blue Tests were:-

Grade I 12
Grade II 2

(c) Meat and Other Foods.

There are no Ministry of Food slaughterhouses in operation in the district but more slaughtering has taken place in the three private slaughterhouses (under permit) than previously due to the outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease during the year.

806 pigs, 19 sheep and lambs, 11 calves and 1 kid were inspected.

The following foodstuffs were surrendered and condemned as unfit for human consumption.

121 lbs. beef
119½ lbs. mutton
192 lbs. pork
39 lbs. tinned ham
28½ lbs. imported cheese
1 stone fish
3 lbs. 7 ozs tinned meat
32 pints tinned milk
74 lbs. 6 ozs miscellaneous tinned foods.

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(d) Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations - Lympne Airport.

The following foodstuffs imported from the Continent were inspected at Lympne Airport.

'Demi-Sel' and 'Cemembert' cheese	501 tons 10 cwt
	48 tons 0 cwt
Skim milk curd	1 ton 10 cwt
	551 tons 0 cwt

A very high proportion of the cheese was found to be in good condition and only 28½ lbs. were found to be unfit for human consumption through damage in transit.

SECTION F.

HOUSING.

No. of inspections during the year	224
Notices served:	
Informal (Housing Act and Public Health Act)	63
Statutory (Public Health Act)	1
Notices complied with:	
Informal (Housing Act and Public Health Act)	44
Statutory (Public Health Act)	1

Housing Act, 1949.

No applications for improvement grants were received during the year.

Rural Housing Survey.

No. of houses to be surveyed	2247
" " " surveyed to 31.12.52	1400
" " " placed in Category I	508
" " " " " " II	361
" " " " " " III	402
" " " " " " IV	60
" " " " " " V	69

Council Houses.

The number of Council houses erected during 1952 was 43, making a total of 205 local authority owned dwellings, which is 7.12% of the total number of houses in the district.

Private Enterprise Houses.

9 private dwellings were erected during the year and 14 were in course of erection.

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SECTION A.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1952.

REA: 39,453 acres

OPULATION:

he Registrar-General's estimate of the mid-year opulation of the District was 10,110 - a very slight ncrease on 1951.

UMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 3,307 plus 155 huts

ATEABLE VALUE: £43,642

UM REPRESENTED BY PENNY RATE: £171

TAFF:

anitary Inspector	Mr. A.H. Hayes M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., S.R.N., Cert. Meat and Foods Inspector.
lerk (part time)	Miss M. Walder
odent Operator (full time)	Mr. A. Perris
ewage Works)	Mr. G. Burtonwood.
aintenance Men)	Mr. L. Moore.

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total	M.	F.		West Ashford R.D.	England & Wales
1. Live Births	191	102	89	Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	20.5	15.3
(a) Legitimate	181	98	83			
(b) Illegitimate	10	4	6			
2. Still Births	4	2	2	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	0.39	0.35
(a) Legitimate	4	2	2			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3. Deaths	126	80	48	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	9.7	11.3
4. Deaths from Puerperal Causes						
(a) Puerperal sepsis (including abortion with sepsis)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live & still births)	-	0.16
(b) Other Maternal causes (including abortion	-	-	-		-	0.56
5. Deaths of Infants under one year of age (all causes)	5	4	1	Rate per 1,000 live births)	26.0	27.60
(a) Legitimate	5	4	1			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
5A. Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	4	3	1			
6. Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000, live births	-	1.1
7. Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	-	0.00
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis (including Poliocencephalitis)	-	-	-		-	0.01
Deaths from Influenza	1	1	-		0.09	0.04
Deaths from Pneumonia	10	6	4		0.90	0.47
Deaths from Tuberculosis	1	1	-		0.09	0.24
Deaths from Cancer	26	15	11			

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Causes of Death 1952.

	ALL CAUSES	Males 80	Females 48
1.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	1	-
2.	Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic Diseases ...	-	-
4.	Diphtheria ...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough ...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections ...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis ...	-	-
8.	Measles ...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases...	-	-
10.	Cancer of the stomach ...	4	2
11.	Cancer of lungs and bronchus ...	3	-
12.	Cancer of breast ...	-	2
13.	Cancer of uterus ...	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms (cancer)	8	7
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ...	1	-
16.	Diabetes ...	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	9	8
18.	Coronary disease, Angina ...	12	1
19.	Hypertension with heart disease ...	3	1
20.	Other heart disease ...	13	10
21.	Other circulatory diseases ...	3	-
22.	Influenza ...	1	-
23.	Pneumonia ...	6	4
24.	Bronchitis ...	5	3
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system ...	-	-
26.	Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum ...	1	-
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	1	-
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	1	2
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate ...	1	-
30.	Pregnancy, child birth and abortion ...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformation ...	1	-
32.	Other defined and illdefined diseases ...	3	6
33.	Motor vehicle accidents ...	2	-
34.	All other accidents ...	-	1
35.	Suicide ...	1	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-

There is again no significant increase in the number of eaths in any particular disease group - the number of Cancer eaths is up slightly and that for Tuberculosis is down. A ratifying point to note is the fewer deaths from accidents, nly 3 for 1952 as against 10 for the previous year.
he infant deaths were 5 in number; 1 M aged 1 month from astro entirites, 1 F. 24 hrs. from Prematurity and 1 M. 24 hrs. rom Prematurity, 1 M. 2 hrs due to congenital defects and 1 M. days from Prematurity.

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SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Laboratory Facilities.

These are provided by the Kent County Council's Central Labatory at Maidstone. This service is very satisfactory and serves all the needs of the area.

Ambulance.

The area is served mainly by the St. John Brigade Ambulance stationed at Ashford and co-ordination with the other services is excellent.

Nursing Homes.

There are none in this area.

Maternity and Child Welfare and Midwifery Services.

The County Council is the Authority responsible for these services.

SECTION C.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Notifiable Diseases.

Disease	No. of cases Notified	No. of cases removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	3	3	-
Whooping Cough	14	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	16	-	-
Pneumonia	14	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	1 (a carrier)	-

There has been a very low incidence of infectious disease during the year.

The number of Pneumonia cases is high by comparison with other rural areas, and of these 5 were resident in Hothfield Camp.

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TUBERCULOSIS 1952.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths				Recoveries			
	Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
45.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ge not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

Total number of cases on the Register at 31.12.52 = 74.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
bers for 1952	30	29	12	3	74
" " 1951	31	29	11	3	74
" " 1950	31	31	12	7	81
" " 1949	30	28	12	7	77
" " 1948	23	26	10	6	65
" " 1947	23	28	9	4	64
" " 1946	15	13	4	2	34

Only 2 new cases were notified during the year, a very and satisfactory figure.

unisation against Diphtheria and Vaccination against Smallpox.

We thank Dr. Elliott, the County Medical Officer of Health, his courtesy in again supplying, for our use, his tistics relating to these two services which are now inistered by his staff.

unisation.

A total of 124 children received primary inoculations ing the year under review and 67 received reinforcing doses. the children aged 0-4 years, 292 had been immunised by the of 1952 which is about 40% of the children of this age group. s is a slight improvement on the figure for 1951.

cination.

Of the children under one year of age, 48 received primary cination and of the children 0-4 years 76 were given their mary vaccination.

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The following sections incorporate the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION D.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1) Water Supply.

The water supply of the Rural District is derived mainly from the Mid Kent Water Company, plus a small estate system, private wells and springs.

Almost 80% of dwellings have a piped supply within the premises. All new buildings erected during the year were connected to the mains.

During the year 6 samples of Mid Kent water and 13 samples of spring or well waters were submitted to the County Pathologist for examination. The reports on the former were satisfactory, but none of the latter provdd to be wholesome waters, and all had B. Coli demonstrated in varying quantities. Tenants in these cases were warned to boil all water before use intil a wholesome supply can be obtained.

The present mains to Egerton have proved inadequate, with premises without water for many hours at a time. Besides dwellings, this area contains a bakery and dairy farms, and lack of water is proving a serious matter. Representations have been made to the appropriate Ministry for permission to supplement the supply by laying additional mains.

102 more houses were connected to the mains supply in the rural district during 1952.

No. Houses in District connected to Main Supply

Parish	Houses connected during 1952	Total No. Houses on mains Dec. 52	No. Houses in Parish
Bethersden	6	353	449
Charing	61	607	690
Egerton	13	194	270
Gr. Chart	1	150	211
Hothfield	2	85	144 inc.Huts
Kingsnorth	3	236	293
Little Chart	1	110	96
Pluckley	-	255	297
Shadoxhurst	-	172	198
Smarden	2	308	325
Westwell	11	318	507 inc.Huts
Total	102	2788	3480

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Drainage and Sewerage.

Although there have been no important alterations to the werage during the year much is contemplated for 1953.

eat Chart and Smarden.

These works are to be abandoned and new plants constructed.

aring.

This plant is working 100% over capacity (since the new tate of over 100 houses have been connected to the existing wer) and plans are in process of preparation to double the ltering area.

erton.

The Council is purchasing from the Parish Council an existing sposal works with a view to modernising it and sewering the eet.

The sewerage systems were subjected to a systematic treatment ainst rat infestation with satisfactory results.

GENERAL.

Scavenging.

House refuse disposal is by means of tipping. The face of tip is treated during the summer with dip dressing to reduce breeding.

The regular collection of refuse has stopped indiscriminate ping and the district is singularly free from unsightly icles.

School Sanitation.

These are generally maintained in a satisfactory state and it hoped that the Education Authorities will modernise Egerton ool conveniences and replace the existing trough system with estal pans.

Public Conveniences.

It is regretted that the proposed conveniences at Charing not yet been commenced.

Services of Notices requiring the execution of Works or abatement of Nuisances.

92 Informal Notices served.
50 Informal Notices complied with.
15 Statutory Notices served.

(the latter are still outstanding but were only served in December)

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(e) Visits made by Sanitary Inspector and works executed.

Inspection and re-inspection of Houses. 365

Other Premises.

Butchers.	15	Restaurants and restaurant kitchens.	31
Cowsheds.	2	Schools.	1
Dairies and milkshops.	4	Shops (under Shops Act)	53
Hoppers Camps.	12	Shops (Reinspections)	3
Ice-cream premises.	14	Sewage Works and Disposal Plants.	129
Milk vehicles.	1	Slaughter-houses.	20
Premises to examine feed-stuffs.	12	Tents, vans and sheds, etc.	4
Provision shops.	6	Pipe.	14
Public Houses - licenced premises.	4		

Enquiries or Visits.

Contractors or owners interviewed.	52	Miscellaneous.	280
Contacts of infectious diseases.	3	Office Interviews.	151
Notifiable diseases - disinfection.	5	Visits re Civil Defence.	28
		Visits re Petroleum Licences.	43

Food and Drugs and Other Sampling.

Samples of water obtained - Bacteriological examination	18
Samples of water obtained - Chemical examination	1
Samples of Milk obtained, bacteriological	13

Factories.

Factories with mechanical power - Bakehouses	23
Miscellaneous	15

The following works were executed during the Year.

Houses.

Brickwork of walls repaired.	8	Obstructive outbuildings demolished.	1
Chimneys repaired.	3	Roofs renewed or repaired.	10
Ceilings repaired.	11	Rain water pipes or gutters renewed or repaired.	1
Doors and frames repaired.	3	Walls or ceilings cleaned and redecorated	2
Floors renewed or repaired.	5	Window sashes or frames renewed or repaired.	8
Grates or Ovens repaired or renewed.	2		
Inside plastering repaired.	11		
Miscellaneous repairs and nuisances abated.	2		
Outside plastering repaired.	1		

Drainage.

Bath wastes trapped or repaired.	2	Inspection or Interception chambers provided.	17
Drains tested, Smoke	4	Inspection or Interception chambers repaired.	4
Drains tested, Chemical	21	Interception traps fixed.	3
Drains tested, Water	8	New drains constructed.	17
Drains re-laid	2	Soil pipes or ventilating shafts fixed or repaired.	1
Drains repaired.	13	Sinks provided.	1
Drains cleansed.	9		
Gullies fixed.	1		

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Water Closets.

dditional W.C.'s provided.	10	Miscellaneous repairs.	9
lushing apparatus provided.	7	New pans and traps fixed.	12
lushing apparatus repaired.	4	W.C's. reconstructed.	5

Cesspools and Septic Tanks.

mptied.	2	Other repairs.	4
onstructed.	4	Septic tank provided.	1

Earth or Pail Closets.

bolished.	10

f) Disinfection, Disinfestation and Rodent Control.

Six rooms at six premises were disinfected on account of nfectious disease.

Disinfestation.

The following indicated the number of premises treated during he year for infestation by fleas and other insect pests.

17 rooms in 10 houses.

Rodent Control.

The Council have approved of the employment of a full time odent operator.

Foot and Mouth disease seriously hampered the survey of gricultural properties, but whenever possible the different arishes were systematically inspected.

With the more extensive use of warfarin as a poison it had become impossible to calculate the number of rodents exterminated.

The following figures indicate the estimated kill and the umber of actual bodies found, using the older established poisons.

	Estimated Kill	Bodies Found.
ats	5595	1150

	Type of Property			
	Local Authority	Dwellings.	Agricultural	All other inc. business.
otal No. of Properties.	7	2802	343	292
o. Surveyed	7	1514	234	74
nfestations Treated	)Major4	195	14	1
	)Minor2	37	14	1

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SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(1) Milk Supply.

Registered distributors.	15
Distributors Licenced to sell pasteurised milk.	7
Distributors licenced to sell T.T. Milk.	2
Supplementary Licences issued for Pasteurised Milk.	2
Supplementary Licences issued for T.T. Milk.	3
Registered Dairies.	3

13 samples of Milk were submitted for Biological examination. All reports indicated that there was no evidence of Tuberculosis.

(2) Meat.

20 visits were paid to slaughterhouses, 36 pigs and 1 calf were inspected.

The pigs were all killed for private slaughter, and the calf was a casualty.

(3) Ice Cream.

The number of premises registered for sale and storage of ice cream are:-

Sale and storage of ice cream	30
Storage of ice cream	Nil
Manufacturers of ice cream	Nil

In every case the applicants have agreed to sell only pre-wrapped ice cream.

(4) Bake-houses.

4 bakehouses wre registered and in operation.

During the year notices were served for white washing one bakery, and for the provision of washing facilities.

(5) Public Houses.

General improvements in the sanitary arrangements are being carried out by the brewers as requested.

Many bar sinks are equipped with hot and cold water. More and more of the licensees are using detergents for cleansing and sterilising glasses. The standard of cleanliness is good.

(6) Anthrax.

13 notices of suspected Anthrax in farm animals were received during the year and of these 7 were confirmed.

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SECTION E.

HOUSING

Re-housing.

During the year 72 houses and flats were completed and let the Council.

In addition 25 houses were built by private enterprise.

The re-letting of accommodation at the hutted encampment at thfield has ceased, except in cases of extreme emergency.

The deterioration of the fabric of the huts is becoming creasingly marked of late and the complete closure of the camp st be undertaken at an early date.

49 huts have been closed as units of accommodation during 52.

Inspections.

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year for housing defects.	92
No. of dwellings inspected and recorded under the housing Consolidation Regulations.	9
No. of houses found to be unfit for habitation.	6
No. of houses found defective in some particulars.	73
Remedy of defects through informal notice or by arrangement.	50
Re-inspection of houses.	264

Procedure under Housing Act, 1936 (Formal)

No. of Houses represented as unfit.	2
No. of Houses where Demolition Orders were made.	4
No. of Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	2

Action under Statutory Powers.

Proceedings under Section 9, Housing Act.	5
Proceedings under Section 11, Housing Act.	6
Proceedings under Section 44, Public Health Act.	5
Proceedings under Section 39, Public Health Act.	5

Hop-pickers Camps.

There are four camps in the Rural Area, and 12 visits were e to ensure the comfort of the campers. At one camp old lway trucks occupied by some families were found to be leaking ly when rain was heavy and in this instance the owner has been ed to supply alternative accommodation by next season.

At another camp the water supply was considered to be too tant, the cooking facilities not up to standard and latrines -sited. These points have been put to the owner with request improvements in 1953.

Approximate number of pickers 350/400.